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January 13, 1969

JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS, JR.

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On December 19, 1969, [redacted] who has furnished  
reliable information in the past, advised that CAC Flight  
464 passenger manifest carried both the dates of October 27  
and October 28, 1969. [redacted] also stated that CAC Flight 464  
from Havana, Cuba, to Mexico, D.F. arrived in Mexico City  
on October 28, 1969, rather than October 27, 1969, in  
spite of the fact that many pages of the manifest carried  
the date of October 27, 1969. (u)

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MEXICO CITY HAS RECEIVED NO INFORMATION FROM PHILADELPHIA  
TO DATE. BUREAU REQUESTED TO HAVE PHILADELPHIA  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99102)

DATE: 3/11/70

FROM : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (105-6584) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS, JR.  
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Enclosed are seven copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above, two of which are designated for Philadelphia.

## REFERENCES

Mexico City letter and LHM 10/30/69; Mexico City letter and LHM 12/5/69, the latter two captioned as above; and Mexico City letter and LHM captioned as above with letter also captioned as "Unidentified Male American Citizen Reportedly in Possession of Communist Propaganda, Mexico City, 10/28/69; IS - CUBA" (Mexico file 105-7892). **(u)**

## ADMINISTRATIVE

## INFORMANTS

5-Bureau (Enc. 7)  
(1-Liaison)  
(2-Philadelphia) (100-45637)  
1-Mexico City

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CLASSIFICATION

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According to [REDACTED] the ACGM is a loose association,  
of a predominantly social nature, of present and/or  
past members of the Communist Party, USA, and their  
friends and associates who share a common sympathy  
for the international communist movement. (u)

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99102)

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-45637) (P)

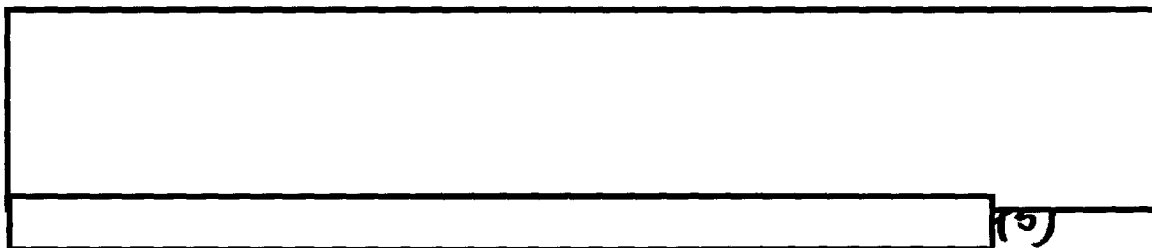
SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED MALE AMERICAN CITIZEN  
REPORTEDLY IN POSSESSION OF COMMUNIST  
PROPAGANDA, MEXICO CITY, 10/28/69  
IS - CUBA

DATE: 3/31/70

JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS, JR.  
IS - CUBA

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Re Mexico Legat letter to Bureau, 1/13/70.



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Enclosed herewith are two copies of a photograph  
of JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS

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It is requested San Antonio exhibit these  
photographs to [redacted]  
[redacted] to determine if HIGGINS is  
identical with unidentified male American citizen mentioned  
in re Mexico letter.

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1 - 105-99102 (JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS)

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/21/70

FROM : *gm/ax* SAC, SAN ANTONIO (105-4502) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED MALE AMERICAN CITIZEN  
REPORTEDLY IN POSSESSION OF COMMUNIST  
PROPAGANDA, MEXICO CITY, 10/28/69  
IS - CUBA

JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS, JR.  
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Re San Antonio airtel to the Bureau, 10/29/69;  
Legat, Mexico, letter to the Bureau, 1/13/70; and Philadelphia  
letter to the Bureau, 3/31/70.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies  
of an LHM suitable for dissemination. Enclosed for Philadelphia  
is one copy of LHM.

Source of information set forth in the enclosed  
LHM is [redacted] who requested his identity be protected.  
The LHM is datelined Washington, D. C., to further protect  
his identity.

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- 6-Bureau (Enc. 10) (RM)
- (2-105-99102)
- (2-105- ) (Unidentified Male American Citizen)
- (2-Legat, Mexico City)
- 1-Philadelphia (100-45637) (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1-San Antonio b2

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C.

May 21, 1970

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE AMERICAN CITIZEN  
REPORTEDLY IN POSSESSION OF COMMUNIST  
PROPAGANDA, MEXICO CITY, OCTOBER 28, 1969

On May 14, 1970, the confidential source with whom insufficient contact has been made to determine his reliability, but who is in a position to furnish reliable information, referred to in FBI Washington memorandum dated October 29, 1969, and captioned as above, was recontacted.

This source examined photograph of James Cassels Higgins. Source advised He stated

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that the photograph of James Higgins may be identical with unidentified male referred to above although the unidentified male appeared to be lighter in weight than Higgins. The source noted that the unidentified male was carrying two tennis rackets at the time he saw him on October 28, 1969.

*No locality*

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99102)

DATE: 6/30/70

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-45637) (P)

SUBJECT:

UNIDENTIFIED MALE AMERICAN CITIZEN  
REPORTEDLY IN POSSESSION OF COMMUNIST  
PROPAGANDA, MEXICO CITY, 10/28/69;  
IS-CUBA

JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS, JR.;  
IS-CUBA

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Re San Antonio letter to Bureau 5/21/70.

San Antonio in LHM accompanying re letter, set forth  
results of interview of the [redacted]

[redacted] on 5/14/70, who requested his  
identity be concealed, who stated that a photograph of JAMES  
HIGGINS could be identical to the unidentified male in captioned  
matter, but he thought this person looked lighter in weight than  
HIGGINS. This particular photograph of HIGGINS is known to be  
a good current likeness, but it is possible that HIGGINS has  
lost weight lately. [redacted] was unable to identify the photo  
[redacted] at all.

On 6/29/70 [redacted] York County  
Credit Bureau, York, Pa., who requested that his identity be  
concealed, advised that JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS had sent [redacted]  
letter dated 6/18/70, in which HIGGINS listed his current resi-  
dence as 528 Riverside Drive, Apartment 2-A, New York City, N.Y.  
HIGGINS advised in his letter that he was self-employed giving  
lectures and courses at various colleges throughout the United  
States as a guest lecturer. The purpose of his letter, according  
to [redacted] was to arrange payment of several delinquent ac-  
counts of HIGGINS in the York, Pa., area. He told [redacted] in  
this letter that he was doing well enough financially to pay  
them off.

4-Bureau (105-99102) (JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS) (RM)  
1-105 (Unidentified Male American Citizen)

2-New York (RM)  
2-Philadelphia (100-45637)

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It is not felt by Philadelphia that anything further can be done logically to definitely establish whether or not the subject is identical to the unidentified male American citizen in possession of Communist propaganda in Mexico City, on 10/28/69, short of interviewing him. Because of his occupation as a visiting lecturer at colleges, and his background as a writer, it is not felt that this would be advisable. Accordingly, no further investigation into that aspect of this matter is being conducted, UACB.

Leads

NEW YORK:

AT NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

Will verify the subject's current residence at Apartment 2-A, 528 Riverside Drive, New York City, N.Y., and his occupation as a guest lecturer at colleges throughout the United States.

PHILADELPHIA:

AT YORK, PA.

Upon verification of the subject's residence in New York City, N.Y., will forward FD 128 to Bureau, changing office of origin to New York.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99102)

FROM : *IFM* SAC, NEW YORK (105-109402) (RUC)

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED MALE AMERICAN CITIZEN  
REPORTEDLY IN POSSESSION OF COMMUNIST  
PROPAGANDA, MEXICO CITY, 10/28/69  
IS-CUBA

DATE: 9/22/70

JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS, JR.  
IS-CUBA

Re Philadelphia letter 6/30/70, captioned as above  
and Philadelphia letter, 8/31/70, captioned, "JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS,  
JR.; IS-CUBA".

[redacted] 528 Riverside  
Drive, NYC, on September 15, 1970, advised that an individual  
answering the description of JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS [redacted]  
sublet apartment 2-A at this address for a period of approximately  
two months. [redacted] advised that this individual [redacted]  
[redacted] names not known, left approximately three weeks ago and  
supposedly, according to his information were returning to their  
home [redacted] name of city not known. [redacted] stated that

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[redacted] and has been here for [redacted] and she is  
connected [redacted] stated  
that [redacted]

[redacted] stated that this building is occupied [redacted] by individuals  
associated in one capacity or another [redacted]  
and during the summer months the regular tenants usually sublet  
their apartments [redacted]

The U.S. Post Office Station covering the address  
of 528 Riverside Drive, NYC, was checked on 9/15/70, and there  
was no forwarding address left for JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS.

Since the subject has departed the New York area, it  
is presumed that he has returned to his permanent residence  
which is known to the Philadelphia Office, and this case is being  
RUC'd.

- 3-Bureau (105-99102) (RM)
- (1-105- ) (UNIDENTIFIED MALE AMERICAN CITIZEN)
- 2-Philadelphia (100-45637) (RM)
- 1-New York

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99102) DATE: 10/30/70

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-45637) (C)

SUBJECT: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS, JR.,  
IS - CUBA  
(OO:Philadelphia)

Re Philadelphia letter to Bureau dated 6/30/70,  
and New York letter to Bureau dated 9/22/70.

On 10/7/70, [redacted]  
for "The Gazette and Daily", former daily York, Pa., newspaper,  
which was replaced on 10/23/70 by "The York Daily Record",  
also a newspaper published daily at York, Pa., except Sundays,  
advised that JAMES C. HIGGINS is presently residing at 221  
Rockdale Street, York, Pa. [redacted]

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[redacted] should be concealed by his request for information  
he furnished is used in a report). [redacted] said that he  
did not know what HIGGINS was doing for a living now, but  
that he was no longer connected with this newspaper.

On 10/26/70, [redacted] York County  
Credit Bureau, York, Pa., advised that the subject is currently  
residing in York, Pa., and is supposed to be self-employed as a  
writer and lecturer on college campuses around the United States.

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[redacted] who is familiar with various phases  
of CP and subversive activity in York, Pa., on 10/26/70,  
advised that the subject is not presently involved with  
either "peace" or CP activities in York, Pa. The informant  
advised that [redacted]  
"The Gazette and Daily", but he did not know if [redacted]  
[redacted] the newspaper went out of business and  
was replaced by "The York Daily Record". The informant  
stated that he knew of no subversive connections on the part  
[redacted]

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Philadelphia indices are negative concerning  
[redacted]

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1 - Philadelphia (100-45637)

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Since there has been no information developed indicating membership on the part of the subject in a basic revolutionary group, nor anything to indicate a propensity for violence on his part, it is not felt that further investigation in this matter is warranted at this time. It is not felt that he should be interviewed because of his background as a newspaper writer and present activity in lecturing at college campuses. Therefore, Philadelphia is not recommending the subject for either the Security Index nor the Agitators Index, and is closing this matter UACB,

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99102)

DATE: 2-8-71

FROM : LEGAT, MEXICO (105-6584) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS  
IS - CUBA

Re Philadelphia letter 6-30-70.

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For information.

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1 - Mexico City

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile - 105-99102)

DATE: 6/30/71

FROM : SAC PHILADELPHIA (100-45637)

SUBJECT: JAMES HIGGINS  
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The captioned individual has been the subject of a security or racial investigation by this office. The BOSTON Division has verified the permanent presence of the subject in its division as residing and working at the addresses listed below. The BOSTON Division is being considered the new office of origin.

Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any.  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Graduate School Boston University</b></p>	Residence address  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>575 Pleasant Street Belmont, Mass.</b></p>
Key Facility Data  Geographical Reference Number _____ Responsibility _____	
Check the following applicable statements: <input type="checkbox"/> This individual is the subject of a <input type="checkbox"/> Security Index Card <input type="checkbox"/> Agitator Index Card. <input type="checkbox"/> Reserve Index Card. (The Bureau is requested to make the appropriate changes in the <input type="checkbox"/> Security Index <input type="checkbox"/> Agitator Index at the Seat of Government. The _____ Division should affix the addresses indicated above and the appropriate case file number.) <input type="checkbox"/> This subject is tabbed Priority _____ <input type="checkbox"/> This subject was carried as a Top Functionary. <input type="checkbox"/> Handwriting specimens have been furnished to the Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> A photograph has been furnished to the Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> Dissemination made Secret Service locally re above information. <input type="checkbox"/> A security flash notice has been placed on subject and a copy of this form is being designated for the Identification Division for appropriate action.	
The following pertinent items are being forwarded to the new Office of Origin with its copies of this letter: <input type="checkbox"/> Security Index Cards <input type="checkbox"/> Agitator Index Card <input type="checkbox"/> Reserve Index Cards <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Serials (specify) <b>(attached) - Report will follow.</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Photograph of subject (check appropriate item listed below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Negative and three copies of most recent or best likeness photograph. <input type="checkbox"/> None available. <input type="checkbox"/> Previously furnished.	

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ENCLOSURES TO FD-128:

1. Report of SA [ ] at Philadelphia, 7/21/61
2. Report of SA [ ] 10/27/61.
3. Report of SA [ ] 12/29/61.
4. Report of SA [ ] 3/29/62. b7C
5. Report of SA [ ] 6/14/62.
6. Report of SA [ ] 12/27/62.
7. Report of SA [ ] 10/7/63.
8. Report of SA [ ] at Philadelphia, 6/13/68.
9. Philadelphia letter to Bureau, 6/26/69 & enclosed LHM.
10. Baltimore letter to Bureau, 7/17/69, and LHM.
11. Lega, Mexico City letter to Bureau, 10/30/69, and LHM.
12. Legat, Mexico City letter to Bureau, 12/5/69, and LHM.
13. Legat, Mexico City letter to Bureau, 1/13/70, and LHM.
14. Legat, Mexico City letter to Bureau, 3/11/70, and LHM.
15. San Antonio letter to Bureau, 5/21/71, and LHM.
16. Legat, Mexico City letter to Bureau, 2/8/71.
17. New York letter to Bureau, 2/18/71, and LHM.
18. Two photos and one negative of subject.



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REPORTING OFFICE <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>BOSTON</b>	DATE <b>JUL 22 1971</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>1/26/71 - 7/2/71</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS, JR.</b>		REPORT MADE BY [Redacted] <b>b7C</b>	TYPED BY <b>amr</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>SM - C</b>	

## References

Philadelphia report of [Redacted] **105-99102-31** dated 6/13/68. **b7C**  
 Philadelphia letter to Boston, 1/26/71 (IO).  
 Boston letter to Philadelphia, 3/1/71. (IO)  
 FD 128, Philadelphia, 6/30/71.

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## Informants

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- 5- Bureau (100-99102) (RM) **7/28 EL**
- 3- Boston (157-2302) (RM)
- 1- Philadelphia (100-45637)

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Administrative Data

The pretext telephone call mentioned under Residence and Employment in the details of this report was made by Special Agent of the Boston Office as set forth in referenced Boston letter to Philadelphia, 3/1/71. Identity of the agent making the call and the nature of the pretext call were not set forth.

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For the information of Boston, Philadelphia has not attempted to interview the subject inasmuch as he has been an editor for twenty years with a newspaper and presently is engaged as a writer for magazines and as a lecturer on college campuses. Since there has been no information developed indicating membership on his part in a basic revolutionary group nor any indication of a propensity for violence, he has not been recommended for the security index.

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Field Office File #:

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Office: PHILADELPHIA,  
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Bureau File #: 100-99102

Title:

JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS, JR.

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Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

The subject is presently residing at 575 Pleasant  
Street, Belmont, Mass. [REDACTED][REDACTED] He also is writing a book  
about the Black Panther Party. An article appeared in the  
11/18/70 issue of "The Nation" by the subject concerning  
"The Gazette and Daily" newspaper for which he was editor for  
21 years. [REDACTED] b1CLASSIFIED BY SP3BTJ/JG  
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## Details:

Residence and Employment[REDACTED] advised on March 1, 1971 that the subject  
who had contacted the Black Panther Party (BPP)  
in Boston on various occasions had advised that  
he was writing a book about the Black Panther Party which was  
to be published by Random House. [REDACTED] advised that HIGGINS  
had told the Black Panther Party that he was to be contacted  
at his home, telephone 484-9499. b2The Black Panther Party (BPP) is a black extremist  
organization started in Oakland, California, in December 1966.  
It advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics to bring  
about the overthrow of the United States Government.This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents  
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On December 20, 1970, under suitable pretext, a telephone call was made to 484-9499, Belmont, Mass., by Special Agent of the FBI and it was developed that the subject was residing at 575 Pleasant Street, Belmont, Mass. On January 10, 1971, the information operator of New England Telephone Company, Boston, Mass. advised that telephone

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[redacted] advised that subject was leaving the "Gazette and Daily", a local newspaper published at York, Pa., everyday except Sunday. [redacted] stated that the subject who was an editor for this newspaper, was to be gone for about eight months while he worked on a book.

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A characterization of the "Gazette and Daily" appears in the appendix attached hereto.

[redacted] advised on January 7, 1970 that the subject had resigned his position as editor of "The Gazette and Daily" and was writing a book on Cuba.

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[redacted] advised on March 3, 1970 that the subject had recently traveled to Cuba where he had wanted to write a book but FIDEL CASTRO had refused to allow him to remain there to gather material and so he had to return to the United States. [redacted] advised that the subject's book was supposedly being written for Prentiss Hall Publishers in New York City, N.Y.

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[redacted] advised on October 7, 1970 that the subject was residing at 221 Rockdale Street, York, Pa. [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that the subject was no longer connected with the "Gazette and Daily", but he did not know what he was doing for a living.

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[ ] advised on October 26, 1970 that the subject was currently residing in York, Pa., but was supposed to be self-employed as a writer and lecturer on college campuses around the United States.

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[ ] advised on October 26, 1970 that the subject was not presently involved with either "Peace" or "Communist Party Activities" in York, Pa. [ ] who is familiar with various phases of Communist Party and subversive activities in York, Pa. stated that [ ]

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[ ] that newspaper had gone out of business. Informant stated that he knew of no subversive connection on the part of [ ]

## II. Foreign Travel

[ ] advised on May 28, 1969, a white male about 40 years old, wearing a beard [ ]

[ ] had stopped at the King-E restaurant in Mount Pleasant, Texas. During conversation with this individual, the man stated he was driving to Austin, Texas, then Mexico en route to Cuba. This man indicated he was a journalist from Pennsylvania

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[ ] He stated he had been in Cuba since the Revolution and had stayed for a month at the National Hotel. He indicated he had enjoyed his stay in Cuba and the new CASTRO Government had not caused any problems. The man was driving a gray Cadillac believed to bear Pennsylvania license [ ]

[ ] the records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Harrisburg, Pa., show that license plate [ ]

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According to [REDACTED] the ACGM is a loose association, of a predominantly social nature, of present and/or past members of the Communist Party of the United States and their friends and associates who share a common sympathy for the international communist movement.

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On October 14, 1969, [REDACTED] determined that subject resided at the above mentioned Cuernavaca address for one month in August 1969 leaving in early September 1969 to travel to Cuba. [REDACTED] advised it was not learned if subject would be returning to this Cuernavaca address when he returned from Cuba or if he would return directly to the United States. b2  
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[REDACTED] advised on December 19, 1969 that CAC Flight 464 passenger manifest carried both the dates of October 27, and October 28, 1969 for the subject's flight from Cuba to Mexico, City. The informant said that CAC flight 464 from Havana, Cuba to Mexico City, D.F., arrived in Mexico on October 28, 1969 rather than October 27, 1969 in spite of the fact that many pages of the manifest carried the date of October 27, 1969.

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[REDACTED] advised on July 2, 1971 that he had known the subject since 1948. [REDACTED] stated that the subject had always described himself as "Independent Marxist". [REDACTED] stated that during the late 1940s members of the Communist Party, York, Pa., were frustrated with the subject because he would not join the Communist Party.

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[REDACTED] advised that he had known of no connection on the part of the subject with either the Communist Party or any subversive organizations.

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### III. Miscellaneous

The following is an excerpt from "The Nation" which was published in its issue dated November 16, 1970 concerning

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the demise of "Gazette and Daily" which was written by  
the subject as is noted in this article:

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## JAMES HIGGINS

Mr. Higgins, who was for twenty-one years an editor of *The Gazette and Daily*, is now leaving York and returning to his native Boston. He will be writing regularly for *The Nation*.

*The Gazette and Daily* of York County, Pa., which ceased to exist on October 22 after fifty-five years of publication under the ownership of J. W. (Jess) Gitt, was mostly a misunderstood newspaper. To many of its 35,000 or so readers in the county, which lies in the southeastern part of the state between the Pennsylvania Dutch heartland and the Mason-Dixon line, it was simply "the morning paper." To others its boldly progressive editorial policies and its nosy reporters were so bewildering as to convince them that "Gitt and his *Gazette*" were at worst Red and at best un-American. Journalism school graduates from around the country who approached *The Gazette and Daily* for jobs, had the impression that it must be the rebel vanguard paper of their revolutionary dreams. Red-necks, of which the county has more than a few, viewed it as a "nigger-lovin' sheet." But young militant blacks, especially in recent years, came to think of it as being not much different from any other paper controlled by "whitey."

What was never really understood about *The Gazette and Daily* was its simple basic philosophy, which was, of course, Jess Gitt's philosophy. Back around 1950, when I became assistant editor, I learned at least something of this philosophy in a brief conversation with the publisher about my new duties as daily editorial writer, among other things. I wanted to know how I was to proceed with the editorials. Was I to consult first with him, or with his son, the executive editor? Should I draft sample stuff and submit it for approval?

It turned out that all he wished me to understand was that the principles which guided *The Gazette and Daily* were those of the Declaration of Independence, of the Constitution (particularly the Bill of Rights and most particularly the First Amendment), and of the Sermon on the Mount. He asked if I was in sufficient agreement with such principles as to be guided by them on the job. When I said that I was, he told me that there was no problem about writing editorials; just go ahead and write them, he said, and put them in the paper. I did so for almost twenty years, with hardly a word more on the matter from Jess Gitt.

Newspaper men to whom I have told this story regard it as extraordinary. It is, I suppose, in the same way that Gitt and *The Gazette and Daily* were extraordinary, which can be demonstrated by listing a few items from the paper's history:

¶It carried no liquor or beer advertising and long ago recognized alcoholism as the disease it is now generally accepted to be.

¶It was the first daily newspaper dependent upon advertising to discontinue the advertising of cigarettes—a step taken only a few days after the U.S. Surgeon General said that public health tests had proved their cancer-causing properties.

¶It was the only daily in the country to support Henry Wallace for President in 1948. (Gitt and Wallace were two of an American kind, both wise, humane men who were convinced that only a strong political peace move-

ment could avert the atomic war that might finish mankind.)

¶It was the first newspaper to retire employees with no loss of income and to grant sick leave according to the length of the sickness.

¶It featured—and more than once lost advertisers as a result—news of Federal Trade Commission reports on deceptive advertising and hazardous products.

¶It was the only daily (so far as I know) to oppose in 1947 the Truman Doctrine and the Marshall Plan, on the grounds that the United States was thus bypassing the United Nations and embarking on a dangerous foreign policy course.

¶In the early 1960s, it criticized the dispatch of U.S. military "advisers" to South Vietnam, and it continued to denounce each succeeding stage of American involvement there.

¶On the York County front, it kept its eye on legislators, mayors, school boards, welfare administrators, sheriffs, courts, magistrates, police—on "authorities" in general—and it defended the rights and supported the aspirations of unprivileged people.

In 1957, after having four or five times won the N.W. Ayer award as best-looking tabloid in the nation, *The Gazette and Daily* won the top honor for all newspapers regardless of size. One of the judges commented that in style, format and content, *The Gazette and Daily* perhaps represented the paper of the future. It might have been more accurate to say that it represented the best of the past, the best that has not yet been realized in the society and, indeed, appears increasingly strange and extraordinary as the values of money and monopoly expand their dominion. By "best" I mean no more than the First Amendment idea of the function of a free press: that a self-governing people requires access to every bit of fact, and to every strongly held opinion on public issues, in order to govern itself well.

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If *The Gazette and Daily* was "misunderstood," as I think, it was because too few Americans understand their origins as a political people. Much of this failing can be blamed not on the people themselves but on media which have neither informed adequately, nor advocated consistently, in the public interest. Or, as Jess Gitt wrote a while ago in a policy statement distributed to the paper's staff: "We are convinced that the interests of the many are superior to those of the few and that our government should function with that constantly in mind and is remiss when it does not."

The reasons for the shutdown and sale of *The Gazette and Daily*—Gitt sold everything but the name, his "alter ego" he once called it in print—are the usual ones: increasing costs, declining revenue, union pressures, population shifts affecting circulation, outmoded production facilities, and the like. So at age 86 Jess Gitt no longer publishes a paper for York County readers to "misunderstand," which they did in such numbers that only two sent him letters of lament after the sale was announced. He told a friend about that, chuckling. "Two more than you expected, no doubt," said the friend.

"I never gave it a thought," Gitt said. "I just tried to do my best. But I like what the Dutch baker said when the folks wouldn't eat his bread, 'Apparently, it was none too good.'"

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The Gazette and Daily

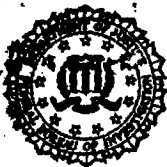
The "Hanover Sun", a weekly newspaper of Hanover, Pa., in its issue of May 6, 1957, Page One, Column Three, contained an article captioned "York Newspaper Praised in Russia". This article stated that the York "Gazette and Daily", in the opinion of the Soviet Press, is "among the better American daily newspapers."

The article appearing in the "Hanover Sun" was obtained from another article which had appeared in the "Baltimore Sun" a daily newspaper published in Baltimore, Md. The article appeared in the "Baltimore Sun" under the byline of HOWARD NORTON of the Moscow Bureau of that paper.

The article stated that the York "Gazette and Daily" is "among the better American newspapers." The article also stated it was listed on an honor roll which included the "Daily Worker" and the Communist-owned London "Daily Worker."

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist daily newspaper which suspended publication January 13, 1958.

The "Gazette and Daily" ceased publication on October 22, 1970.



In Reply, Please Refer to  
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

July 22, 1971

Title JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS, JR.

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Reference Philadelphia report of SA [redacted] dated and captioned  
[redacted] as above.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99102)

DATE: 9/21/71

FROM : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (105-6584) (RUC)

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SUBJECT: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS, JR.  
IS - CUBA

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Reply: Let info  
12/1/71

Reference Philadelphia letter 6/30/70 and  
Mexico City letter 2/8/71.

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A copy of this letter is furnished for the information of the New York Office since the subject was last known to reside at 528 Riverside Drive, Apartment 2A, New York, N.Y.

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Copy furnished for the information of Philadelphia since the subject reportedly has a permanent residence at 1510 Second Avenue, York, Pennsylvania.

For the information of the Boston Office, subject previously traveled to Cuba via Mexico in 1970 at which time he was issued a Mexican Immigration FM-5 #2929613 by American Airlines on 12/29/70 at Boston, Massachusetts. It is not known if the subject was residing in Boston at that time.

For the additional information of Boston, previous investigation disclosed that the subject was associated with the "Gazette and Daily" of York, Pa., but he left this Soviet praised newspaper in 1969 for eight months or longer to write a book. Subject was described by a Philadelphia source as "an independent Marxist who has been sympathetic to the left." b7C

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-99102)  
FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-42781) (P)

DATE: 11/19/71

SUBJECT: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS  
SM - C  
(OO:BS)

Re Philadelphia report of SA [REDACTED] b7C  
7/22/71.

Referenced report stated that the subject was employed as a professor at Boston University (BU), Boston, Mass.

On 11/3/71 [REDACTED] BU, advised that HIGGINS is not employed at BU but recalls after viewing a photograph of HIGGINS that he may have been one of several persons who made a trip to Cuba via Canada several months ago. The Cambridge Faculty Guides, however, according to [REDACTED] contain no mention of HIGGINS as a past professor. b7C

On 11/3/71, [REDACTED] Belmont, Mass. Post Office, advised that as of 9/1/71, HIGGINS had changed his residence from 575 Pleasant St., Belmont, Mass., to 69 Mt. Vernon St., Boston, Mass. b7C

On 11/9/71, [REDACTED] U. S. General Post Office, Boston, Mass., stated that [REDACTED] mail to a JAMES C. HIGGINS at 69 Mt. Vernon St., Boston for [REDACTED] stated that he had never seen HIGGINS, nor could he identify a photograph of HIGGINS. b7C

Information Operator, New England Telephone Company, Boston, Mass., advised that they have no telephone listings for HIGGINS at his 69 Mt. Vernon St. address.

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LEAD:

BOSTON DIVISION

AT BOSTON, MASS.:

Will attempt to determine present employment of HIGGINS through established sources.

Will attempt to determine extent of HIGGINS'S present activities with regard to the Black Panther Party and Cuba.

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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (107-99102)

DATE: 1/13/72

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-42781) (P\*)

SUBJECT: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS  
SM - SWP  
(OO:BS)

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Re Boston letter to the Bureau, 11/19/71, captioned  
as above.

On 1/3/72, a pretext telephone call was made to  
number 523-5602 [redacted]

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[redacted]  
69 Mr. Vernon St., Boston, Mass. An unknown female who  
[redacted] answered  
the call and stated that HIGGINS was still in Cuba. This  
person stated that HIGGINS is not presently working at  
Boston University but will return to the U.S. in time  
to conduct a class there in the spring semester. HIGGINS's  
present source of income is from various national and local  
publications or articles written on various topics. The  
woman did not specify any particular articles but named  
the New York Times, Boston Globe, Boston Magazine and  
Christian Science Monitor as publications that have  
printed HIGGINS's articles. When questioned whether  
HIGGINS's family accompanied him to Cuba the woman  
stated that HIGGINS has been divorced from his wife for  
several years.

On 11/30/71 [redacted]  
U.S. Post Office, Boston, Mass., stated that he had learned  
[redacted] 69 Mr. Vernon St.,  
Boston, Mass., that HIGGINS was receiving several publications  
from Cuba and Czechoslovakia. [redacted] also mentioned the  
publication "Liberator News" from New York City.

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On 12/3/71, [ ] and [ ] who are in positions to know of Black Panther Party (BPP) activities in the Boston area, advised that they are unfamiliar with the subject nor could they identify a photograph of the subject.

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On 12/9/71, records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc., and the Mass. Registry of Motor Vehicles were checked with negative results on the subject.

For the information of WFO, the subject was former assistant editor for the defunct "Gazette and Daily" newspaper of York, Pennsylvania, a leftist orientated publication which was praised by the Soviet Press as "among the better American daily newspapers". HIGGINS has made several trips to Cuba, where he presently is visiting and has said that he would prefer living there. [ ]

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LEADS:WFOAT WASHINGTON, D.C.:

Will obtain any information available through records of the USDS on the subject and submit results to the Bureau and Boston.

BOSTON DIVISIONAT BOSTON, MASS.:

Will await results of WFO check at USDS and then consider inclusion of the subject on the ADEX, Category IV.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-99102)

DATE: 3/6/72

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-55338) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS  
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(OO: BS)

Re Boston letter to Bureau, 1/13/72.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-99102)

DATE: 3/10/72

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-42781) (P)

SUBJECT: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS  
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OO:BS

Re Boston letter to the Bureau dated 1/13/72 captioned as above.

On 1/31/72, [redacted] advised that JAMES HIGGINS will speak at the Community Church of Boston, New England Life Hall, 225 Clarendon St., Boston, Mass. on 2/20/72.

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The 1/23/72 issue of the Community Church of Boston carried lists of upcoming events contain the announcement that on 2/20/72 JAMES HIGGINS would speak on "The Present Situation in Cuba - A First Hand Report". The announcement contained the following information on HIGGINS:

"JAMES HIGGINS - just returned from his fourth extended stay in Cuba; member, Journalism Faculty-BU (Boston University); Staff Correspondent for the Mission; contributor to The Globe, The Village Voice, and The Phoenix; author of a forthcoming book on the youth of Cuba."

On 2/22/72, [redacted] provided the following information regarding the subject's speech on 2/20/72:

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He (HIGGINS) stated that he had recently returned from Cuba and described the government there as "democratic on a daily basis, with participation in all decisions -- flowing continuous," and "if you detect a note of preference in my

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description, you are right (re the Cuban government)."  
HIGGINS stated that he met many North Koreans in Cuba, who told him of the "extraordinary" development going on there (in North Korea) now (as opposed to misery in South Korea). He mentioned the Venceremos Brigade as being "courageous and dedicated youth".

The Venceremos Brigade (VB) was formed in June, 1969, by a coalition of New Left organizations to encourage American youth to travel to Cuba in defiance of a ban on travel to that country by the United States Department of State. The ostensible purpose of the travel was to assist the Castro regime in the harvesting of sugar cane and other agricultural products and to give young Americans the experience of living in a revolutionary communist country.

HIGGINS stated that many Cuban refugees in the U.S. would like to go back to Cuba, and that he talks to them often and encourages them to return. He described FIDEL CASTRO as "an anti-dictatorial person who was forced to turn to Communism after the Cuban Revolution because of U.S. isolationist policies".

Regarding the present day Cuban economy, HIGGINS stated it is now developed to the point where the revolution is "irrevocable and consolidated" as Communist China. In this regard he stated that the U.S. must seek reconciliation with Cuba, a relaxation of trade embargoes and renewed cultural exchanges. HIGGINS noted that by recognizing the revolution in Cuba, the U.S. will also be recognizing the right of revolution in all of Latin America which, he stated, was "inevitable anyway".

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HIGGINS drew a parallel between the Cuban and Communist Chinese governments in order to point out that President NIXON's trip to China is the first step in a U.S. foreign policy which is "paying homage to -- the development of socialism in Asia and throughout the world". HIGGINS called the impetus for the President's trip as failure of the "U.S. containment policy" and "a defeat we are recognizing".

Because HIGGINS is a recognized writer in the Boston area, in particular, and is in a position to influence others through his articles and speeches, and because of his sympathies to revolutionary and communist elements, it is recommended that he be tabbed a Category IV subject on the ADEX. While he is not a known member of any revolutionary or subversive organizations, he has described himself as "an independent Marxist" and would most likely take any opportunity to aid others in engaging in acts inimical to the national defense.

LEADS

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AT BOSTON, MASS.

Will submit appropriate FD-122 regarding the subject for Category IV of the ADEX.

Will submit appropriate Summary Report for Secret Service.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-99102)

DATE: 4/10/72

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-42781) (P)

SUBJECT: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS

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Re WFO letter to the Bureau dated 3/6/72 captioned as above.

Boston presently in the process of recommending the subject for ADEX and preparing summary report for Secret Service.

By re letter, WFO advised of USDS information regarding the subject's visit to Cuba during the latter part of 1971.

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WFO

Will obtain photograph of the subject from records of USDS and submit to Boston.

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TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (100-99102)  
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DATE: 5/23/72

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-55338) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS  
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ReBSlet dated 4/10/72.

Enclosed for Boston are 2 copies of the photograph of JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS, JR., as appearing on his 1967 passport application. This photograph was obtained by SO [redacted] on 5/16/72, from the Passport Office, U.S. Department of State.

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 105-99102)

DATE: 6/29/72

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-42781) (P)

SUBJECT: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS  
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SJPRe: Boston letter to the Bureau dated 3/10/72 captioned as  
above.Recommend: ☒ ADEX Card ☐ ADEX Card changed (specify change only) ☐ Subject removed (succinct summary attached)

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Date of Birth <b>5/14/16</b>	Place of Birth <b>Milwaukee, Wisconsin</b>	Race <b>W</b>	Sex <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any.  <b>Independent writer and author, Contributor of articles to various newspapers, from Residence</b>		Residence Address  <b>69 Mount Vernon St., Boston, Mass.</b>	
Key Facility Data		REG-20/25-99102-55 EX-109	
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Recommendation is made to place HIGGINS on the ADEX, Category IV because of his activities with the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in Philadelphia as early as 1961.

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[REDACTED] HIGGINS was also editor of the now defunct leftist oriented "Gazette & Daily" morning newspaper of York, Pa., which was described by the Soviet Press as "among the better American daily newspapers."

While HIGGINS is not a known member of any revolutionary or subversive organization, he has described himself as an "independent Marxist" and is in a position to influence others through writing in various Boston newspapers and speeches which have always been sympathetic to the Cuban government. HIGGINS has also made several trips to Cuba and has attempted to encourage others to do so. In this regard, he has described the Venceremos Brigade as "courageous and dedicated youth".

Boston will submit current report on subject.

ADDENDUM : Place in ADEX 3 since subject has exhibited a revolutionary ideology.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99102)

DATE: 8/16/72

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-45637)

SUBJECT: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS, JR.  
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By O-7 dated 8/14/72, the Bureau forwarded to Philadelphia two copies of Mexico City letter dated 8/8/72 and captioned VENCEREMOS BRIGADE (VB) IS - RA (Legat Mexico City file 105-7784). Two copies had been indicated for Philadelphia file 100-45637 on JAMES C. HIGGINS. On page 3, Legat had reflected the Bureau file on JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS as 100-45637. It is noted that the accompanying LHM, page 3, reflects that HIGGINS is shown as a resident of Wisconsin.

Philadelphia was at one time office of origin in the investigation of HIGGINS. As of July, 1971 HIGGINS was a resident of Belmont, Mass. and Boston was office of origin. Philadelphia file does not reflect whether he has since changed residence to Wisconsin. Accordingly, the two copies of the Legat letter of 8/8 and two copies of the LHM accompanying the letter are attached for Boston.

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REFERENCE: Boston FD-122 dated 6/29/72 captioned as above.

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ENCLOSURES TO THE BUREAU:

1. Three copies of the following articles written by HIGGINS which are summarized in this report, "Evening in Hayana: Love, Jazz, and the Revolution", and "Whatever is left ... will be ours".

2. FD-376 with a photograph of the subject.

3. Enclosed for dissemination to Secret Service are copies of the following communications:

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APPROVED *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT  
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1. Report of SA [ ] at Philadelphia dated 7/21/61.

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3. Report of SA [ ] at Philadelphia dated 12/29/61.

4. Report of SA [ ] at Philadelphia dated 3/29/62.

5. Report of SA [ ] at Philadelphia dated 6/14/62.

6. Report of SA [ ] at Philadelphia dated 12/17/62.

7. Report of SA [ ] at Philadelphia dated 10/7/63.

8. Report of SA [ ] at Philadelphia dated 6/13/68.

9. Report of SA [ ] at Philadelphia dated 6/22/71.

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Separate copies of the above communications have been forwarded to Secret Service, Boston.

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Government records noted in this report were  
the Passport Office records, U.S. Department of State,  
Washington, D.C., reviewed by SA [ ]

Records of the Registry of Motor Vehicles,  
100 Nashua Street, Boston, were reviewed on 6/28/72  
by SC [ ]

Records of the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston,  
Inc., 6 St. James Avenue, Boston, were reviewed on 6/29/72  
by SC [ ]

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Records of the Office of the Massachusetts  
Commissioner of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse,  
Boston, were reviewed on 6/29/72 by SC [ ]

First pretext inquiry noted in the report was a  
telephone call by SA [ ] to telephone number  
723-4177 listed to JAMES HIGGINS, 69 Mount Vernon St.,  
Boston, Mass. HIGGINS personally received the call.

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The second pretext inquiry used was that of a census taker making general inquiry. The pretext was made by SA  b7C

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1. ☒ Subject's name is included in the ADEX., Category ☐ I ☐ II ☒ III ☐ IV
2. ☒ The data appearing on the ADEX Card are current.
3. ☐ Changes on the ADEX Card are necessary and Form FD-122 submitted to the Bureau.
4. ☒ A suitable photograph ☒ is ☐ is not available.  
Date photograph was taken 1967
5. ☐ Subject is employed in a key facility and \_\_\_\_\_ is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are \_\_\_\_\_
6. ☒ This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL because  
(state reason)  
it contains information contained in U.S. government records classified "Confidential" and to protect sources of continuing value, the unauthorized disclosure of which could seriously jeopardize sources' future effectiveness which would be detrimental to the defense interests of the U.S.
7. ☐ Subject previously interviewed (dates) \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Subject was not ☒ interviewed ☐ reinterviewed because (state reason)  
of HIGGINS' continued active involvement in Communist and other subversive activities and his associations with various newspapers in the Boston area which he could utilize to possibly embarrass the Bureau.
8. ☐ This case no longer meets the ADEX criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation.
9. ☒ This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it continues to fall within the criteria of Category marked above because (state reason)  
of HIGGINS continued involvement with subversive elements, both in the United States and abroad.
10. ☒ This case has been reevaluated in the light of the ADEX criteria and it should be tabbed Category ☐ I ☐ II ☒ III ☐ IV because (state reason)  
of HIGGINS continued involvement with subversive elements, both in the U.S. and abroad.
11. ☒ Security Flash Notice (FD-165) to Identification Division:  
☒ Submitted 9/6/72 Placed ☐ Yes ☐ No  
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12. ☐ Subject is Extremist in Category I of ADEX and Stop Notice has been placed with the Bureau Stop Index.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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September 7, 1972

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☒ enclosed ☐ is not available.

Very truly yours,

L. Patrick Gray, III  
Acting Director

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U. S. Secret Service, Boston (RM)

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Report of:   
Date: 9/14/72

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Office: Boston

Field Office File #: 100-42781

Bureau File #: 105-99102

Title: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS, JR.

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Character: SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

Synopsis: Subject resides at 69 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, Mass., and is self-employed as a writer from his residence. He is also associated with the Boston University School of Public Communications. HIGGINS has made two trips to Cuba within the last year, supposedly for the purpose of completing a book on the Cuban people. On 2/20/72, HIGGINS made a speech in Boston, Mass., praising the communist government of Cuba and supporting the work of the Venceremos Brigade (VB) in sending young people to Cuba. On 7/3/72, he attended a meeting of the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign (VSC) condemning U.S. involvement in Vietnam. HIGGINS writings have included two articles regarding a recent trip to Cuba which were sympathetic to the governments of Cuba and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam.

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Residence and Employment

On November 9, 1971 and August 17, 1972, [redacted] advised HIGGINS has been residing at 69 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, since July, 1971. b2

As a result of a suitable pretext on September 6, 1972, it was learned that HIGGINS is presently residing at that residence.

On January 3, 1972, a pretext call was made to telephone number 523-5602 [redacted]

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69 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, Massachusetts. At that time an unnamed female who [redacted] answered the telephone and stated that HIGGINS was then in Cuba. She further advised that HIGGINS' present source of income is from various national and local publications or articles written on various topics. The woman did not specify any particular articles but named the "New York Times", the "Boston Globe", the "Boston Magazine" and the "Christian Science Monitor" as publications that have printed HIGGINS' articles.

When questioned whether HIGGINS' family accompanied him to Cuba, the woman stated that HIGGINS has been divorced from his wife for several years [redacted]

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[redacted]  
In an article appearing in the "Boston Globe" entitled "Whatever is left ... will be ours", HIGGINS was said to be on the journalism faculty of Boston University School of Public Communications. On September 1, 1972, [redacted] advised HIGGINS is associated with the Boston University School of Public Communications, b2 b7D

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640 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, but is not listed as a faculty member as in the "Boston Globe" article.

It is further noted that [redacted] previously advised on 5/21/71 that HIGGINS was then employed as an instructor in a summer session of the Boston University Graduate School, conducting a course in "Press and Government".

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Activities

Foreign Travel

On February 4 and February 18, 1972, a review of Government records disclosed the following information regarding HIGGINS:

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Domestic Activities

On January 31, 1972, [REDACTED] advised that JAMES HIGGINS will speak at the Community Church of Boston, New England Life Hall, 225 Clarendon Street, Boston, Massachusetts on February 20, 1972.

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The January 23, 1972 issue of the "Community Church of Boston" carried a list of upcoming events which included the announcement that on February 20, 1972, JAMES HIGGINS would speak on "The Present Situation in Cuba - A First Hand Report". The announcement contained the following information on HIGGINS:

"JAMES HIGGINS - just returned from his fourth extended stay in Cuba; member, Journalism Faculty-BU (Boston University); Staff Correspondent for the Mission; contributor to The Globe, The Village Voice, and The Phoenix; author of a forthcoming book on the youth of Cuba."

On February 22, 1972, [ ] provided the following information regarding the subject's speech on February 20, 1972:

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He (HIGGINS) stated that he had recently returned from Cuba and described the government there as "democratic on a daily basis, with participation in all decisions -- flowing continuous," and "if you detect a note of preference in my description, you are right (regarding the Cuban government)." HIGGINS stated that he met many North Koreans in Cuba, who told him of the "extraordinary" development going on there (in North Korea) now (as opposed to misery in South Korea). He mentioned the Venceremos Brigade as being "courageous and dedicated youth".

The Venceremos Brigade (VB) was formed in June, 1969, by a coalition of New Left organizations to encourage American youth to travel to Cuba in defiance of a ban on travel to that country by the United States Department of State.

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The ostensible purpose of the travel was to assist the Castro regime in the harvesting of sugar cane and other agricultural products and to give young Americans the experience of living in a revolutionary communist country.

HIGGINS stated that many Cuban refugees in the United States would like to go back to Cuba, and that he talks to them often and encourages them to return. He described FIDEL CASTRO as "an anti-dictatorial person who was forced to turn to Communism after the Cuban Revolution because of United States isolationist policies".

Regarding the present day Cuban economy, HIGGINS stated it is now developed to the point where the revolution is "irrevocable and consolidated" as Communist China. In this regard he stated that the United States must seek reconciliation with Cuba, a relaxation of trade embargoes and renewed cultural exchanges. HIGGINS noted that by recognizing the revolution in Cuba, the United States will also be recognizing the right of revolution in all Latin America which, he stated, was "inevitable anyway".

HIGGINS drew a parallel between the Cuban and Communist Chinese governments in order to point out that President NIXON's trip to China is the first step in a United States foreign policy which is "paying homage to -- the development of socialism in Asia and throughout the world". HIGGINS called the impetus for the President's trip as failure of the "U.S. containment policy" and "a defeat we are recognizing".

On July 3, 1972, [ ] advised HIGGINS attended a meeting of the Vietnam Solidarity Campaign (VSC) at the University of Massachusetts, 100 Arlington

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Street, Boston, Massachusetts, on June 29, 1972. The meeting concentrated on wholesale criticism of United States Vietnam war policy, proposed actions to be taken at the upcoming Republican National Convention in Miami, Florida and spoke of the need to help the National Liberation Front (NLF) of Vietnam to defeat President NIXON.

The Vietnam Solidarity Campaign (VSC) is an ad hoc group formed by a "group of people who want to work together on various projects through the summer and fall to express continuing rage at the war and NIXON's increasingly desperate attempts to subdue the Vietnamese people," according to an article appearing in early July, 1972, issue of "Redletter," publication of the Red Book, 91 River Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

#### Writings

In an article by HIGGINS entitled "Evening in Havana: Love, Jazz and the Revolution", he gave an interpretation of Cuban life after the 1968 "shut-down" of leisure and recreation activities imposed by FIDEL CASTO. HIGGINS attempted to convey the overall feeling that young Cubans are fun-loving but disciplined and totally involved in the revolutionary ideals of CASTRO's Cuba. HIGGINS also spoke of "signs" indicating young Cubans were working toward the "possibility of some different kind of relationship, in time, to come with North America - by which Cubans mean the United States." This article was printed in "The Real Paper" on August 30, 1972.

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"The Real Paper" is a weekly underground paper published in the English language in Boston, Massachusetts.

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In the "Boston Globe" article mentioned previously written by HIGGINS entitled "Whatever is left ... will be ours", HIGGINS made reference to a personal meeting between himself, Foreign Minister NGUYEN THI BINH of the National Front of Liberation and the Provincial Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam and LY VAN SAU, former Consul for the Provincial Revolutionary Government, which maintains an embassy in Cuba. The majority of the article was taken up with quotes from LY VAN SAU criticizing the NIXON administration policies in Vietnam, stating the administration "cannot recover from the notion that it has been appointed policeman of the world".

HIGGINS made glowing remarks about the independence of these "Third World" peoples "from whom we have only started to learn about ourselves, our good intentions, our bad manners".

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Character SECURITY MATTER - COMMUNIST

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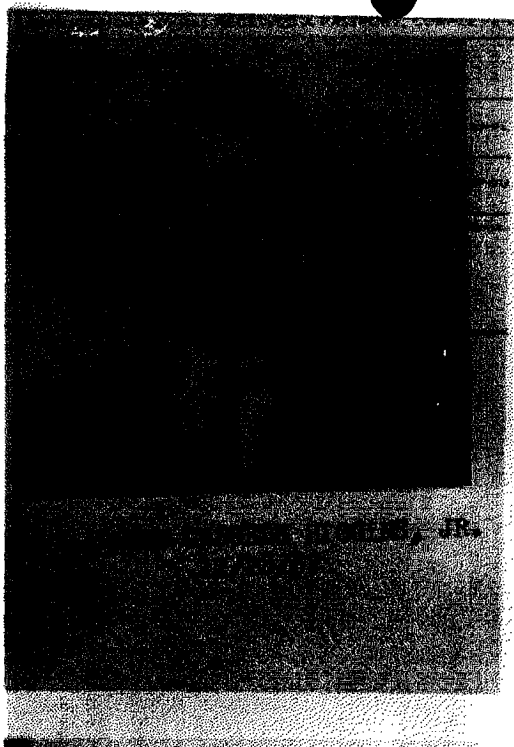
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JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS  
DOB: 5/14/16  
POB: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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ACADEMIC VIEW / By JAMES HIGGINS

THE BOSTON GLOBE, Monday, Aug. 28, 1972

## 'Whatever is left . . . will be ours'

HAVANA—"In the last four months alone, the United States has dropped nearly a million tons of bombs and shells—that is, nearly as many as were dropped on all the European fronts in World War II—on Vietnam."

The voice was that of Foreign Minister Nguyen Thi Binh of the National Front of Liberation and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of the Republic of South Vietnam. It was a warm morning, but we were sitting in a cool room of a large house, surrounded by lawns and trees, in an outermost suburb of Havana—Siboney. Once the house had belonged to one among the richest of the rich in Cuba.

In Siboney a number of great estates are now set aside for occupation by visiting revolutionary comrades dignitaries, such as Nguyen Thi Binh, who had flown from Paris to take part in the rally of the 19th anniversary of the 26th of July, one of two major Cuban holidays for the past 14 years since the guerrillas led by Fidel Castro arrived in Havana.

While Madame Binh sat on a couch at one end of the parlor reading her statement to the assembled press representatives, I talked in the marble-floor foyer with Ly Van Sau. We had met before in Cuba. He used to be consul for the Provisional Revolutionary Government, which maintains embassies in many countries, Cuba among them.

"Please excuse an awkward question," I said to him. "Why do you think Nixon continues the war?"

It is almost impossible to convey the courtesy, spontaneity and seriousness of the revolutionary Vietnamese. How many times must Ly Van Sau have gone over the same ground? (How many times must

Nguyen Thi Binh have repeated in her calm dignity the details of the horrors her country-people were suffering?)

"Why does he continue?" asked Ly Van Sau. "Because apparently the Nixon Administration cannot recover from the notion that it has been appointed policeman of the world. Otherwise why would he be trying to destroy us, who have never done anything in regard to the United States except defend ourselves against methods of destruction unparalleled in history? Methods exported to Vietnam from 10,000 miles away . . ."

Ly Van Sau is now a spokesman for the Provisional Revolutionary Government at the Paris talks. I asked about the private meetings with Henry Kissinger. "There is nothing really happening," said Ly Van Sau. "Not that we rule out the possibility of something different if your election campaign prompts a change in attitude by the Nixon Administration. But as of now, nothing."

Refrescos (soft drinks) and beer were being passed around on trays.

"Then there is the economics," said Ly Van Sau. "Indochina is the gateway to an area of 500 million people and their resources: rubber, oil, tin, timber, untapped mineral deposits of many sorts. We assume your big interests do not wish to give up the chance of controlling these — and of exploiting them with the cheap labor on which imperialism depends."

"But if it keeps up," I asked, "will there be any people or land left at all? What will there be to exploit?"

Ly Van Sau said, "We have had an example of capitalist thinking in

the town of Ben Tre. You remember? The village that was obliterated in order to save it. So one of your military men remarked in explaining why it and its inhabitants were wiped from the face of the earth." He looked me patiently in the eye. "We are not dealing with logic but with desperation," he said. "That is a problem. Nevertheless, no one will ever exploit us again."

I said, "What does that mean?"

"It means," he said, "we will never give up our fight for independence and freedom from outside interference. Whatever is left, at the end, will be ours."

Ly Van Sau, at my request, stepped outside with the Mexican photographer who had agreed to take a picture of us. The photographer, a woman, was nervous, and the camera was not very steady in her hands.

As we stood in the doorway, with the sunlight filtering down through the trees upon the grass, with the birds darting and whistling around, I dropped a casual hand on Ly Van Sau's shoulder.

So skillfully and softly did he remove my hand that I scarcely realized what had happened. It was one of those profoundly meaningful gestures of independence by a person of the Third World, from whom we have only started to learn about ourselves, our good intentions, our bad manners.

We stood there side by side, Ly Van Trau and I, equals in Havana, while Mexican Leticia of the shaking hands took the photograph that blurringly—thus fittingly—recorded our situation.

James Higgins is on the journalism faculty of the Boston University School of Public Communications.

# Evening in Havana: Love, Jazz and the Revolution

Rafael spotted me in the carnival crowd. He plays baritone sax in a Gerry Mulligan. His group was set up on a wooden platform, canvas-enclosed on three sides, at the eastern end of the Malecon — the boulevard dividing the city from the sea. A 10-day holiday period in Havana. There were thousands along the Malecon, milling around, sitting on the sea-wall, watching the amazing fleets float by, just standing listening to such bands as that featuring Rafael. Later he told me:

"I'm blowing, you know. I see this white-bearded Yankee, five feet eight tall, and a slim black Cuban maybe six foot three hugging each other in front of the bandstand? Just an ordinary thing to those on hand. Well, maybe a little out of the ordinary. But all the better on that account. We were happy. They were happy. There's a lot of touch in Cuba. Rafael and I were simply behaving naturally. Just as did his two little daughters, Hanol, six, and Marina, eight, who followed their father into my arms. High on the great hill of rock above us leaned the dark, turreted of that Spanish-type hotel, El Nacional. All around us the celebrant Cubans. Across, maybe a few hundred yards into the Atlantic, small gunboats, spreading, from time to time, bursts of fireworks into the sky.

We arranged to meet. Rafael and I, on Monday after 9 PM at El Sueño de Johnny — Johnny's Dream — about the only night club in Havana, Rafael said, where genuine jazz could be heard. Maybe so. I can't say. It developed that the leader had taken it into his head to get married that afternoon and had ploned in that he would be occupied with other than music for the entire evening. So the bandstand, when I entered, was empty. But not the place. Dimly, dimly lighted as it was, the minute I set foot in the door of Johnny's Dream I had the sense of a

full house of young lovers.

My friend Eduardo was with me. He's a student concentrating at this period on English classes at the Abraham Lincoln School of Languages. Next year he hopes to study US history at the University of Havana. His academic preoccupations interested me. It was one small sign among many I found in Cuba of the possibility of some different kind of relationship in time to come with North America — by which Cubans mean the United States. Eduardo knew Johnny's Dream well. Otherwise I never might have been able to grope my way through the darkness along the bar when that first night I was there. There is very much more illumination here than before 1968," Eduardo remarked. "Before then, you could not see at all. If you are having trouble with your vision of things it is no doubt because you are not Cuban and thus unaccustomed to the way things have changed since the shutdown." He was referring to a stretch of a few months in 1968 when bars and clubs were closed for several stated reasons.

One was that they had become pits of counterrevolutionary cliques, if not worse. Another was that they were contributing to idleness and waste of energy, which were showing up on the Revolution's indicators in the form of absenteeism from the job and in a certain lack of enthusiasm among some Habeneros for voluntary field work on weekends and for active participation in the "mass organizations."

These are such outfits as the neighborhood or work-place Committees for Defense of the Revolution, the Federation of Women, the trade unions and so forth, as contrasted with the select honor societies — the Communist Party, the Union of Communist Youth or the Pioneros, to which Cubans belong only if they have been nominated and elected by their peers as "exemplary revolutionaries." Anyway, the bars and clubs had been put out of business for a time in early 1968. And when they reopened they were no longer private enterprise. They, along with all other small businesses, barber shops included, for example — had been nationalized. Fidel explained it all in a

speech to the economy.

Johnny's Dream is now operated by one of the public agencies. Eduardo said that about the thought anyone might have of the large of social habits

auspices had another economic significance: it provided the revolutionary government with a means of relieving some of the excess money which was piling up in the hands of Cubans and thus creating an inflationary threat even in a controlled pricing system. A bottle of beer at Johnny's Dream, Eduardo told me, cost a dollar; mixed drinks or straight rum went for \$3.

Rafael finally showed up with his new friend, Juanita. He said he had known at once I was somewhere on the premises because he had sniffed my pipe smoke — Green Snail tobacco, very unlike the heavy Cuban varieties, in the air of Johnny's Dream. There would be a bit of voluntary music soon, he said. By this stage, Eduardo and I had been joined by two young women, like Rafael part of the 25 percent of the Cuban population descending from the African slaves the Spanish imported to replace the Indians they had literally exterminated. Josephine Elizabeth, whose mother was Jamaican, trained teachers for the day and week nurseries which are blooming all over Cuba. Victoria danced in the Ballet Folklórico, a phenomenal Afro-Cuban ensemble which I had seen on previous visits to Cuba.

Of course Victoria was also studying "things" in night classes. Josephine Elizabeth planned to return to the university when some one else appeared to take over her training job. Rafael was still deep in Red Cross medical courses, as he had been when I first met him in 1960. Juanita, a high school teacher, "did a lot of work" in the women's federation, Rafael said. Juanita said she wished she could do more. Victoria said every revolutionary always wanted to do more.

I asked if the young couples all around us locked in hand-holding or embraces — by now I was sufficiently "Cuban" to make out shapes at Johnny's Dream — were in the revolutionary swing. "Oh, yes, probably," said Josephine Elizabeth. "Students and workers both, most of them. Don't forget, though, this is an abnormal time. The anniversary of Moncada." (In 1953, Fidel and comrades, male and female, assaulted the Batista barracks in Santiago de Cuba, were dis-

relaxation, and so on. Perhaps it was the spirit of these days that led Manuel into sudden marriage to prevent you from hearing tonight how well he tries to live up to the playing of Mingus." He went on to say that he had helped the young woman who was now at the mike singing "Blue Moon" with her phrasing, using Sarah Vaughan records as demonstration items. "She is really a very fine coming along singer," Rafael said. "But right now she is impeded by lack of the support she gets from Manuel and his regular group. If you notice, the piano man there, he sounds like George Shearing, which is not exactly proper back-up for a singer." In that, I thought, he was right.

Nobody drank very much. Tomorrow Josephine Elizabeth would be back on the job. Victoria had a morning rehearsal. Rafael had to be up early to leave with his band for a two-week gig on the Isle of Youth (formerly Isle of Pines). Juanita was due at her block's CDR (Committee for Defense of the Revolution) office to prepare for the people's get-together on the stroke of midnight of the 26th of July, anniversary date of Moncada. On that day, Wednesday, everyone of us except Rafael would be at the Plaza de la Revolution to listen to Fidel's annual address. And to Madame Binh, foreign minister of the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam and chief negotiator in Paris. (Rafael would catch the affair, he said, by television on the Isle of Youth.)

Juanita lived within walking distance. She and Rafael went off. Eduardo, Josephine Elizabeth and I escorted Victoria to her place, not far away. A soft quiet Havana night. Tropical hush. Once we had said "Buena noche" to Victoria — in Cuban Spanish, the first "s" is often left unsounded — the three of us walked to a bus stop. As we waited, fifteen or so young Cubans, mostly men, rolled toward us. They were pretty loud. Josephine Elizabeth became uneasy. Whether on my behalf or not, I don't know. I think she felt I might not understand their behavior. But for anyone who lives, as I do, near Boston Common and Charles Street, the boisterous Cubans were strictly small-time.

spective this is now regarded in somewhat the same light as we might view the Boston Massacre, a catastrophic episode which signaled, nevertheless, the start of a triumphant Revolution.)

It's a history for us now, said Rafael. "The carnival, a little later and

the unruly Cubans piled in at each door. Good-natured pushing and shoving. Lots of noise. Bus rides in Havana still cost a nickel. (Some time soon they will be free, like education, doctors, hospitals, houses — for the most part — and public trans-

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# Evening in Havana

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phones.) The driver suggested that those who had entered by the rear door come forward and pay their fares. He got nowhere. No one was interested. He snapped into his seat, pushed the door-shutting lever and took off careening around the corner. Two more corners and he zoomed into a bus terminal. The doors gushed open. "Everybody out," he said. "This bus is done carrying you."

Josephine Elizabeth took me by the hand. "Come," she said. "Come, Eduardo. We'll cross the river to another bus." We walked over a bridge. The Almendares — a stream, rather than a river, by US standards — separates Mira-

mar, where Johnny's Dream is located, from central Havana. Some ghostly fishing or more likely lobster boats were floating stockstill upstream. "Lovely," I said. Eduardo said, "The boats? They put too much exhaust and other poison in the river. We must find a cure for it."

When we were on another bus and safely en route home, Josephine Elizabeth said that self-discipline sometimes did not prevail among all youth elements, especially when the holiday mood was upon them. "We will do better," she said. "Little by little. In fact, in terms of numbers, it is a small problem." Eduardo agreed. He is 24. Josephine Elizabeth is

21. "Please visit me at my work," she said to me. "I would like to show you what it is we do. If not tomorrow, then later in the week, after Fidel's speech at the Plaza. We will also talk about what he says. He is going to report to the people the consequence of his trip to the Soviet Union and other countries. It will be important to hear his analysis. I would like so much to discuss it with you, Jim."

*Jim Higgins is a radical journalist who for years edited the York (Pa.) Gazette and Daily. He has visited Cuba every year since 1967 and is currently writing a book on Cuban youth.*

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# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99102)

DATE: 10/27/72

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-43212)(P)

SUBJECT: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS

SM - RA  
(OO: BS)

Enclosed for Boston is one copy of Legat, Mexico City, letter and LHM dated 8/8/72, captioned "VENCEREMOS BRIGADE (VB); IS - RA." Portions of the enclosures refer to the subject.

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# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (105-195696)

DATE: 10/5/72

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-40301)(P)

SUBJECT: VENCEREMOS BRIGADE  
IS - RA  
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Baltimore teletype dated 9/8/72 and Boston teletype to Bureau dated 9/14/72 and Baltimore FD 306, 9/18/72.

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Referenced Boston teletype advised that on 9/8/72 [redacted] advised that during the period 9/7-11/72 a workshop was to be held at Hancock, Massachusetts, for former Venceremos Brigade (VB) members and potential members of the Sixth Contingent scheduled to leave the United States in the winter of 1973.

Referenced Boston nitel reflected that from 9/8-10/72, a workshop was held at the Berkshire Farm, Hancock, Massachusetts, entitled "Triumph or Tragedy." The workshop was "an exploration of Cuba's revolutionary style and its effect on the capitalist world, the socialist world, and the third world."

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BS 100-40301

During the period 9/8-10/72, several vehicles were observed parked at the Berkshire Farm while this workshop was being held. The following is a list of license numbers on these vehicles and registered owners, if they have been determined:

License Number

Registered Owner (if known)

New York

[redacted]

Unknown

[redacted]

Unknown

[redacted]

Unknown

[redacted]

M. C. Auto Leasing, 1253 Main Street,  
Buffalo, New York, for a 1968 Chevrolet

[redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] New York, born [redacted]  
for a 1972 Ford

Virginia

[redacted]

Chrysler Leasing Corporation, Post Office  
Box 1057, Detroit, Michigan, for a 1972  
Plymouth.

[redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] Virginia, for a 1965 Ford

Massachusetts

[redacted]

[redacted]  
Massachusetts, born [redacted] for a 1969  
International Scout

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License Number

Registered Owner (if known)

Massachusetts (cont)

[redacted]	[redacted] born [redacted] [redacted] Massachusetts, for a 1972 Kawasaki motorcycle.
[redacted]	[redacted] Massachusetts, born [redacted] for a 1965 Volvo
[redacted]	[redacted] supra, for a 1965 Citroen.

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Boston has determined that the above workshop was led by an individual named JAMES HIGGINS.

Boston indices reflect a main case file captioned "JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS, JR., SM - C," Bufile 105-99102, BSfile 100-42781. HIGGINS may be identical to JAMES HIGGINS, who led the above workshop. A review of Boston file reflects HIGGINS was born 5/14/16 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and is currently an ADEX subject of the Boston Office [redacted]

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Boston indices are negative regarding registrants to vehicles listed above with the exception of [redacted]. Indices reflect a main case file captioned [redacted] SM - C," Bufile 100-294114. BSfile 100-44811. A review of this file reflects [redacted] is currently an ADEX subject of the Boston Office and [redacted] Massachusetts.

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Referenced Baltimore FD 306 advised that [redacted] advised on 8/15/72 that above workshop was not a VB workshop although it was to be attended by several former VB members.

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ALBANY

AT ALBANY, NEW YORK.

Will determine registered owners to above-listed license plates where they have not been determined.

Will check indices regarding registered owners and conduct other logical investigation to determine if they are associated with the national organization of VB.

Will also check indices regarding [redacted] to determine if he is affiliated with the VB or any other revolutionary organizations. b7C

BUFFALO

AT BUFFALO, NEW YORK.

Will, at M. C. Auto Leasing determine leasee to vehicle bearing New York License [redacted] during the period 9/8-10/72. b7C

Will then check indices regarding this individual to determine if he is affiliated with the VB or any other revolutionary organizations.

DETROIT

AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN.

Will, at Chrysler Leasing Corporation, determine leasee to auto bearing Virginia License [redacted] during the period 9/8-10/72. b7C

Will thereafter check indices to determine if this individual is affiliated with the VB or any other revolutionary organizations.

RICHMOND

AT RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.

Will check indices regarding [redacted] to determine if he is affiliated with the VB or any other revolutionary organizations. b7C

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BOSTON

AT HANCOCK, MASSACHUSETTS.

Will make efforts to determine if [REDACTED]  
is in any way affiliated with the national organization of  
the VB or any other revolutionary organizations.

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# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99102)

FROM : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (105-6584) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS, JR.  
SM - C

DATE: 10/18/72

## ENCLOSURES

Enclosed are seven copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

## REFERENCE

Bureau letter to Mexico City 9/20/72 captioned, "VENCEREMOS BRIGADE; IS - REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES."

## INFORMANT

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 105-99102)

DATE: 11/24/72

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-42731) (P\*)

SUBJECT: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS, Jr.  
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Re: Report of SA [redacted] dated 9/14/72

Recommend: ☒ ADEX Card ☐ ADEX Card changed (specify change only) ☒ Subject removed (succinct summary attached)

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Subject was active in the Fair Play for  
Cuba Committee in Philadelphia in 1961. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He has described himself as an "independent  
Marxist". He was editor of the now defunct leftist  
oriented "Gazette and Daily" morning newspaper of  
York, Pa. which was described by the Soviet Press as  
"among the better American daily newspapers."  
He has described the Venceremos Brigade as "courageous  
and dedicated youth". He has visited Cuba regularly  
since 1967.

He is considered an influential journalist  
and supporter of the Castro Government in Cuba.

In view of the above, subject is being  
recommended for the Adex.

*ADDENDUM: Recommend that subject not be placed  
in ADEX. His statements and writings, ideologically favoring  
Castro Govt. in Cuba, do not pose subject as a realistic  
current danger to national security. He has not exhibited a  
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acts that would threaten survival or effective operation  
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# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99102)

DATE: 12/19/72

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-43212)(P)

SUBJECT: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS  
SM - RA  
(OO: BS)

ReWFOlet dated 10/27/72.

A request for the subject's passport file remains outstanding at the Passport Office, USDS. This request has been reinstituted on a "special" basis and results will be furnished when received.

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# Anti-Castro exiles halt talk on Cuba by BU professor

By Carmen Fields  
 and Joseph Rosenbloom  
 Globe Staff

More than 100 Cuban exiles yesterday disrupted a nonsectarian religious service at New England Life Hall and prevented a Boston University professor from delivering a speech about Cuba.

The demonstrators sat quietly through several hymns and prayers, but began chanting when Prof. James Higgins sought to deliver a speech entitled "What's Going on in Castro's Cuba Today."

Several stink bombs released in the hall, also known as the Community Church of Boston, contributed to the disruption. Leaders of the demonstration denied their group was to blame.

Rev. Donald G. Lothrop, the minister, repeatedly asked for quiet, but the demonstrators shouted and heckled for more than 30 minutes.

Police arrested two of the demonstrators at the church, but released them without charges.

Higgins, a journalism professor who recently returned from a fourth visit to Cuba, said his speech would have indicated he was "impressed with ac-

complishments in Cuba since the revolution."

Jose Salazar, 40, of Framingham, a leader of the group opposed to Cuban Premier Fidel Castro, said church officials had refused the protesters "equal time" to express their viewpoint during the service.

He said the officials, because of bomb threats, had revoked permission for the group to use the church last September to show a film about Cuban exiles.

"They allowed him (Higgins) a chance to talk about Cuba," said Raymond Diaz, publisher of the Spanish-language newspaper "El Fare Mundo," "but they denied us permission to show a film there."

Later yesterday afternoon, about 80 of the demonstrators appeared at The Globe plant in Dorchester to protest an editorial published in Friday's Globe.

The editorial called for an antihijacking treaty between the United States and Cuba.

A delegation of 15 Cuban exiles met for almost two hours with Charles Whipple, editorial page editor of The Globe.

They charged that The Globe has failed to publicize adequately the views of the anti-Castro Cubans.

Salazar, an engineer who said he once fought against former Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista and was a personal friend of Castro, maintained that most Americans have what he regards as a mistaken impression that the Castro regime has improved the lot of most Cubans.

He said the Cuban government tolerates no political dissent, has imprisoned more than 100,000 political opponents and has denied many of its citizens sufficient food and medicine, among other things.

"Up until now, after 12 years, the regime hasn't been able to do anything essentially good," he added.

He emphatically urged that the United States continue to grant asylum to Cuban refugees and disputed a contention in The Globe editorial that "the theft of Cuban ships and planes by fleeing refugees would be as much a criminal act, though not so desperate, as is the skyjack of an American plane."

Whipple responded that The Globe would adhere to its editorial policy of favoring an antihijacking treaty with Cuba.

But, he added: "I cannot imagine that The Globe would ever support a policy of returning refugees to any totalitarian country."

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TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99102)

DATE: 2/20/73

FROM : SAC, WFO (105-43212)(RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS

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(OO: BS)

ReWFOlet dated 12/19/72.

On 1/24/73, SC [REDACTED] determined that no activity had taken place in subject's passport since previous review. Boston refer to WFO letters dated 3/6 and 5/23/72, WFO file 100-55338.

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# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (105-195696)

DATE: 1/8/73

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (100-11143) P

SUBJECT: *ADP*  
VENCEREMOS BRIGADE  
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(OO:NY)

*James Higgins*

Re Boston letter to Bureau, 10/5/72.

Enclosed for Cincinnati is one copy of rekt, which sets forth background information to conduct investigation requested herein.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b7C

On 10/17/72, [redacted] Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV), Richmond, Va., advised they have no record regarding [redacted] or for [redacted] b7C

On 10/17/72, [redacted] Titles and Registration Section, DMV, Richmond, advised 1972 Virginia license [redacted] is registered to [redacted] Va., for a 1965 Ford. b7C

Richmond indices negative regarding [redacted] and [redacted] b7C

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] b7C

- ④ - Bureau (2 - 105-195696)  
① - 105-99102)  
(1 - 100-294114)  
2 - New York (100-166943)  
2 - Cincinnati (Encl. 1)  
2 - Richmond  
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On 11/13/72, a source, in a position to know, at [redacted] Va., advised that the mail recipient at Rt. 1, Box 405A, is a LEWIS L. SADLER and [redacted]. Source advised that SADLER is a very elderly Negro retired male, and that [redacted] SADLER. Source advised that occasionally mail is received at Rt. 1, Box 405A, for a [redacted] who is unknown to source, but is believed [redacted] of either SADLER [redacted].

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Source advised that [redacted] is not believed to be residing at that address but only receives mail which is very limited through that address.

Route 1, Box 405A, is located approximately one-half mile west of U. S. Route 501, on Route 651.

On 11/13/72, [redacted] Retail Merchants Association, Lynchburg, Va., advised that her files do not contain any record identifiable with [redacted].

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On 11/13/72, [redacted] Bedford County Sheriff's Office, advised that his office has no record of [redacted] nor has his office ever had any investigative interest in this individual or has his office ever heard of captioned organization.

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On 12/6/72, a review of the records of the Lynchburg, Va., Police Department failed to reflect any record identifiable with [redacted].

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[redacted] Lynchburg, Va., Police Department, advised that his department has had no knowledge concerning any activities from captioned organization.

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On 12/29/72, the above source was recontacted but could not furnish any further information.

On 12/29/72, a suitable pretext determined through [redacted] that [redacted] to a [redacted] LEWIS SADLER, Rt. 1, Box 405A, [redacted] Va.

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The pretext determined that [redacted]  
is not very well known to [redacted]

ADLER [redacted]

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On 1/3/73, a suitable pretext through [redacted]

[redacted] Lynchburg, Va., telephone number [redacted] determined

He has telephone number [redacted]

[redacted] and is presently residing or visiting there and intends  
to move to [redacted]

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The pretext determined that [redacted] has promise of some type  
of Government - Social Service employment with the Federal  
Government in the State of Virginia. [redacted] did not believe  
that [redacted] was at present employed. She also stated that  
[redacted] but she did not know the make  
of his present vehicle.

LEADS:

CINCINNATI:

AT BETHEL, OHIO:

Will conduct background investigation of [redacted]

[redacted] telephone [redacted]

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and conduct any other investigation to determine whether he is  
affiliated with the VENCEREMOS BRIGADE or any other Revolutionary  
organization.

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BUREAU AND ONE RICHMOND COPY ONLY:

The source in the position to know is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Va.

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Mr. Cleveland	_____
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Mr. Dalbey	_____
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Mr. Marshall	_____
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Mr. Armstrong	_____
Ms. Herwig	_____
Mrs. Neenan	_____

# Anti-Castro Group Disrupts Religious Service

By ALEX MacPHAIL

Angry anti-Castro Cuban demonstrators clashed with police yesterday when they disrupted a religious service in New England Life Hall to protest a scheduled speech on "What's Going on in Castro's Cuba Today."

The speech was never given.

The protesters, demanding equal time with the Community Church of Boston's guest speaker, James Higgins, who had just returned from his fourth trip to Cuba, charged that Higgins would "only give one side of the story."

MORE THAN 100 protesters had filtered into the auditorium for the non-sectarian 10 a. m. service. More than 150 members of the congregation already were seated.

As Higgins, a member of the faculty at Boston University, was introduced the protest began.

Shouting "Equal time" and "Let us speak," the protesters began throwing what police said were "stink bombs," driving many of the churchgoers out into Clarendon St.

The Community Church minister, Rev. Donald G. Lothrop, pleading for quiet, called the police. They moved in but took no action at first, trying to reason with the leaders of the group.

"These people are violating the law and I demand they be handcuffed and arrested for disrupting a public meeting," the clergyman shouted at police Lt. Joseph Sheridan of Division Four.

Sheridan called his men in shortly before the end of the morning service to move the crowd—mostly young men and women—out of the hall. Fighting broke out as one police officer fell to the floor below the crush of the crowd.

A group of about 50 protesters crowded the aisle near the stage to aid Leonard Viote, 24, of Boston, who was struggling with police. Police used a side exit to avoid a major confrontation.

Suddenly rows of linked chairs began to buckle as the crowd surged forward in protest against the removal of a second demonstrator, Damaso Santana, 24, of Boston.

Chanting "Free Cuba," several of the demonstrators reached the stage, but Higgins had left.

Oriando Cabrera, 39, of Boston, an organizer of the demonstration, said he and his followers had asked the church for equal time to respond to whatever remarks would be made by Higgins whom they described as a "mouthpiece for Castro." They said their request was denied.

THE SERVICE was halted when Mr. Lothrop was unable to give the benediction over the shouts of the protesters.

The hall was then taken over by the group, which demanded the release of both Viote and Santana.

Negotiations between Lt. Sheridan and the leaders of the protest continued for more than an hour. The two finally were released.

Police officials said the two, although handcuffed and removed in a police van, were never arrested or charged but were simply "removed in protective custody."

"What could we do?" said Sheridan. "We could have had a real riot on our hands here."

The protesters banded shortly before 2 p.m.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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RECORD AMERICAN  
BOSTON, MASS.

THE BOSTON GLOBE  
BOSTON, MASS.

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Date: 11/20/72  
Edition: Morning  
Author: Alex MacPhail  
Editor: John C. McLean  
Title: ANTI-CASTRO CUBAN  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99102)

DATE: 9-7-73

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FROM : *[Signature]* LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (105-6584)(RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS  
SM - C

*James Higgins*

## ENCLOSURES

Enclosed are seven copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

## REFERENCE

Mexico City letter and LHM dated 10-18-73.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

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[Redacted] (S)

In view of the fact [Redacted]

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being submitted on him.

## SOURCES

[Redacted] (S)

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- (5) - Bureau (Encs. (1 - Foreign Liaison Desk) (2 - Boston 100-42781))
- 2 - Mexico City (1 - 105-10612)

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Copy to [Redacted] by routing slip for [Redacted]

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Washington, D. C.  
September 7, 1973

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JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS

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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99102)

DATE: 10/2/73

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (100-42781) (C)

SUBJECT: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS, JR.  
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Re Legat Mexico City letter, dated 9/7/73.

The subject is well known to the Bureau. He resides at 69 Mt. Vernon Street, Boston, Mass., and is self-employed as a writer from his residence. He was removed from the ADEX during December, 1972. He was active in the Fair Play for Cuba Committee in Philadelphia in 1961. [REDACTED] b1

[REDACTED] He has described himself as an "Independent Marxist". He has visited Cuba regularly since 1967. He is considered an influential journalist and supporter of the Castro Government in Cuba.

No additional action is being taken by Boston at this time as the Bureau is in possession of all pertinent information concerning HIGGINS.

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- 1 - Boston
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SAC, WFO

1 - [redacted]  
1 - [redacted]

Director, FBI (105-7-210)

TRAVEL MATTERS - CUBA

Attached for each office is copy [redacted]

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Bureau files indicate the following:

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[redacted] - possibly identical with the  
subject of Bufile 105-27026, SJfile 105-3867.

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[redacted] - possibly identical with the  
subject of Bufile 100-349140, NYfile 100-81738,  
LAfile 100-74122.

Enclosure

2 - Boston (Encl)  
2 - Charlotte (Encl)  
2 - Los Angeles (Encl)  
2 - Memphis (Encl)

2 - New York (Encl)  
2 - San Francisco (Encl)  
2 - San Juan (Encl)

1 - 105-198036 (VB)

1 - 105-27026

1 - 100-349140

1 - 100-00102

1 - 105-197086

1 - 105-175098

1 - 105-134365

1 - 105-190854

1 - 105-471761

1 - 105-459527

1 - 25-641308

1 - 105-221030

1 - 100-453869

1 - 100-468679

1 - 157-28257

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Re: Travel Matters - Cuba  
105-7-210

James Cassels Higgins - possibly identical  
with the subject of Bufile 105-89102, BSfile 100-42781.

[redacted] - possibly identical with the  
subject of Bufile 105-197036, SFfile 100-67563.

[redacted] - possibly identical with the  
subject of Bufile 105-175098, MFfile 105-1415.

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[redacted] - possibly identical with the  
subject of Bufile 105-135565, SJfile 105-6937.

[redacted] - possibly identical with the  
subject of Bufile 105-190854, SJfile 105-11015.

[redacted] - possibly identical with  
the subject of Bufile 100-171761, NYfile 100-176716.

[redacted] - possibly identical with  
the subject of Bufile 100-471761, NYfile 100-166742.

[redacted] - possibly identical with the  
subject of Bufile 100-459027, SFfile 100-73105.

[redacted] - possibly identical  
with the subject of Bufile 25-641868, NYfile 25-144587  
and Bufile 105-221030 and NYfiles 105-117858 and  
105-118362.

New York is requested to advise the Bureau  
whether New York has two separate 105 cases on [redacted]  
and, if so, whether it has submitted information concerning  
him under another Bureau file number. If so, furnish the  
Bureau with the other Bureau file number.

[redacted] - possibly identical with  
the subject of Bufile 100-453869, CEfile 100-11338.

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Letter to WFO  
Re: Travel Matters - Cuba  
105-7-210

[redacted] - possibly identical with the  
subject of Bufile 100-468079, NYfile 100-171046.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] is identical with the aforementioned  
individual whose Bureau and New York file numbers are  
Bufile 100-468079 and New York file number 100-171046,  
WFO will check passport records and advise office covering  
his residence.

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[redacted] - possibly identical  
with the subject of Bufile 157-28257, LAfile 157-4635.

[redacted] - possibly identical  
with the subject of Bufile 100-448432, LAfile 100-66375.

[redacted] - possibly identical with the  
subject of Bufile 105-92333, SJfile 105-161607.

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[redacted] - possibly identical with  
the subject of Bufile 105-45051, SJfile 100-48075.

[redacted] - possibly identical with the  
subject of Bufile 100-45007, SJfile 100-64428.

[redacted] - on the basis of information  
furnished, no main file was located. WFO check passport  
records and furnish the pertinent information to the  
office covering his residence.

With reference to some of the individuals  
mentioned in paragraph h of the [redacted] (S)  
New York see its teletype dated 8/1/73 [redacted]  
[redacted] - React.

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Letter to WFO  
Re: Travel Matters - Cuba  
105-7-210

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NOTE:

Manual of Instructions tells field to further identify U. S. citizens traveling to Cuba who are not further identified in our files, through established sources.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99102)

DATE: 2-7-75

FROM : LEGAT, MEXICO CITY (105-6584) (RUC)

SUBJECT: JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS  
SM - C *90SA*

Re Mexico City letter and LHM dated 9-7-73, to Bureau and Boston.

Referenced letter and LHM reflected that captioned subject, [redacted] traveled from Mexico City, Mexico, to Havana, Cuba, aboard a Cubana Airlines flight on 7-20-73. HIGGINS at that time was indicated to be a newsman with residence at 69 Mount Vernon Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

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The subject [redacted]

[redacted]

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On 2-6-75 [redacted] advised that [redacted] subject [redacted] had returned to Mexico from Cuba as of 2-3-75 and it would therefore appear that despite their possession of Mexican re-entry permits they may have departed Cuba by a country other than Mexico; it was pointed out that the 40 day validity of the re-entry permits would have expired as of 1-17-75.

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- 3 - Bureau  
(1 - Foreign Liaison Unit)  
(2 - Boston 100-42781)  
2 - Mexico City  
(1 - 105-6584) (JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS)  
(1 - 105-11315) [redacted]

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No separate communication is submitted on [redacted] b7C  
[redacted] in view of the fact he evidently had State Department  
[redacted] While the same is true of the  
subject, the latter is known to have been of security interest to  
the Bureau and accordingly copies of this letter are designated  
for the Boston Office which is the last known place of residence  
of the subject. It is to be noted that the subject is reportedly  
a newsman by profession and it has been the policy of State  
Department to grant authority for United States citizens to go  
to Cuba if they are associated with the news media.

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SAC, WFO

10/26/73

Director, FBI (105-99102)  
(105-7-210)

TRAVEL MATTERS - CUBA

[REDACTED] (5)

With reference to the individuals mentioned therein, Bureau files indicate the following:

[REDACTED] - possibly identical with the subject of Bufile 105-123133, TPfile 105-342.

[REDACTED] - possibly identical with the subject of Bufile 100-453996, BSfile 100-41380.

[REDACTED] - possibly identical with the subject of Bufile 105-250633. WFO see Bulet to WFO in captioned matter dated 9/10/73.

James Cassels Higgins - possibly identical with the subject of Bufile 105-99102, BSfile 100-42781.

Enclosure

- 1 - Boston (Enclosure)
- 1 - Baltimore (Enclosure)
- 1 - Tampa (Enclosure)

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- 1 - 105-123133
- 1 - 100-453996
- 1 - 105-250633
- 1 - 105-99102 (Higgins)
- 1 - 100-465150
- 1 - 105-218514

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Letter to WFO

Re: Travel Matters - Cuba  
105-7-210

[redacted] - possibly identical with the  
subject of Bufile 100-465150, SAfile 100-23560.

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[redacted] - possibly identical with  
the subject of Bufile 105-218514, WFOfile 105-107308.

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**7/10/84**

**DIRECTOR, FBI (105-99102)**

**LEGAT MEXICO CITY (105-6584)**

**JAMES CASSELS HIGGINS  
SM - C**

**Re your routing slip of 6/19/84 enclosed in your file  
105-6584 pertaining to captioned subject.**

*(Handwritten initials)*

1 - [Redacted]  
(Attn: [Redacted])  
1 - [Redacted]  
(Attn: [Redacted])

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